



Have Ideas for Neighborhood Improvements? Propose a Project Today!

What is the Neighborhood Park and Street Fund (NPSF)?

These funds are a portion of Seattle's city budget - approximately \$1.2 million in 2013 that are set aside for neighborhood improvements to streets and parks. These funds are unique because NPSF projects are *proposed by the community*.

What projects are eligible?

The NPSF can be used for projects valued up to \$90,000 to fund park or street improvements.

Examples of park projects include: playground improvements, trail upgrades, tennis or basketball court repaving, park benches or tables, natural area renovations, and accessibility improvements. Examples of street projects include: crossing improvements such as [marked crosswalks](#), [curb ramps](#), and pedestrian countdown signals; and [traffic calming](#), such as [traffic circles](#), [median islands](#), and [speed feedback signs](#). This funding source may be used for sidewalk repair and, rarely, for short segments of sidewalk construction (less than 100 feet, or one third of a block). **New sidewalks are typically more expensive than this funding allows.**

For traffic calming projects, you must participate in the Seattle Department of Transportation's traffic calming program prior to applying for your project to ensure that the project is beneficial, feasible and that there is sufficient community support. Information about the program is available on line at:

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/neighborhoodtraffic.htm>

Who decides which projects will be funded?

The NPSF is a competitive process and not all projects will be funded. Each Neighborhood District Council will review applications and select three projects to forward to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and Seattle Parks and Recreation (Parks) for detailed feasibility and cost analysis. Funding decisions are based on recommendations from District Councils, Parks and SDOT, with the final decisions made by the Mayor. For more information, contact your District Coordinator. <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nsc/coordinators.htm>

How are proposals evaluated?

District Councils will consider the following criteria:

- ✓ **Significant Impact:** The project will have a widespread positive impact on the neighborhood as a whole.
- ✓ **Broad Support:** The project has the support of multiple neighborhood or community groups.
- ✓ **Leveraging Opportunities:** The project also qualifies for funding from another City source, and therefore leaves more NPSF money available for other projects.
- ✓ **Equity:** Funding is to be equitably shared among the districts over time. Neighborhoods that are already receiving significant public investment from other sources may be also given lower priority.

2013 Neighborhood Park and Street Fund Fact Sheet

What is the project review timeline?

The chart below describes this year's timeline.

TIMELINE (2013)

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| 2/4/2013 | Application deadline. |
| February/March | Neighborhood District Councils review applications. |
| Early April | Neighborhood District Councils forward top 3 projects to SDOT/Parks for feasibility review and initial cost estimates. |
| Early June | SDOT/Parks return project feasibility reviews and cost estimates to Neighborhood District Councils. |
| June, July | Neighborhood District Councils review and submit final project rankings to DON. |
| September | DON notifies applicants of award/no award project status. Project award recommendations are included in Mayor's proposed budget. |
| November | City Council considers recommendations and adopts 2014 budget. |
| December | DON announces final project awards. |
| 2014 | Project implementation. |

How do I propose a project?

Complete the application form which is available from your Neighborhood District Coordinator or online at

<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/btgnsferf/> Both residential and business groups are encouraged to apply.

Applications may be submitted by mail, (PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124-4649, Att: Wendy Watson) fax 206-233-5142 or email to NeighborhoodParkandStreetFund@seattle.gov

Questions or Assistance?

Contact your [Neighborhood District Coordinator](#).

For parks related questions, contact Pamela Kliment at Pamela.kliment@seattle.gov.

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